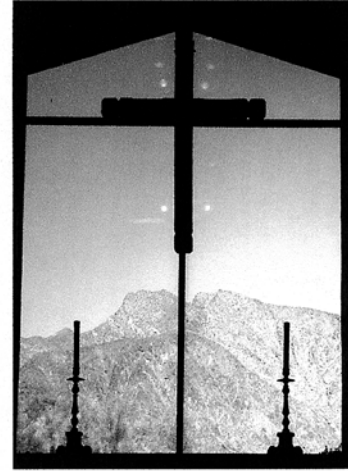


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St Barnabas Episcopal Church



Our Mission: To Share the Love of Christ / Compartir el amor de Cristo

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Merry Christmas And Blessed Epiphany

Emmanuel has come! In Jesus, God is with us and made known to us. Throughout the season of Epiphany (which means “manifestation”) we will hear stories of how the peoples come to see God in the person and work of Jesus. Beginning at his birth, the magi follow a star to find the new king and pay him homage – that is the day we celebrate as the feast of Epiphany, but there are many more. At his baptism the heavens open and the voice of God proclaims: “*this is my beloved Son,*” and at Jesus’ transfiguration on the mountaintop, God repeats those same words. The scriptures are full of stories that show the divine nature of Jesus, and throughout history Jesus Christ is continually being manifest in our world. In and through us, Christ is incarnate in our world. We, his church, make Christ manifest for all to experience his love, compassion and healing in our world.

One of the many ways in which we do this is through our Stewardship of the gifts that God has given us. We make Christ known in the nitty-gritty of our everyday world through how we use our time, our talents and our treasure in his service and care of his creation. Our Stewardship is a way of life in response for all that God gives us. As you prayerfully consider your pledge to St. Barnabas for the coming year, take time to reflect on all that God gives you. Our very lives and each breath that we take are God’s gift - that is a good starting place. And with joy and thanksgiving shall we give.

“Of thine own, Lord, shall we give thee.”

Blessings, Laura+

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
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Dear Friends,

We have seen many good things happen at St. Barnabas this past year. As you prayerfully focus on increasing your pledge, think about this and what your faith community means in your life all year long.

Be thankful for all our blessings: Our new priest Laura+ who has surpassed all our expectations, a growing choir under new leadership, our missions of Borrego Serves and the San Diego Food distribution center which is feeding over seven hundred individuals each month.

Our prayers were answered as we started our adventure with Laura+, inspiring us to grow in our community. To keep this energy going we need your help, your enthusiasm and your willingness to participate at all levels. Dream some dreams with us about reaching out to others as the hands, feet and face of Christ in Borrego Springs.

Please put your pledge card in the offering plate any Sunday during Advent, the season of giving, or send it to St. Barnabas, PO Box 691, on or before January 9, 2011.

Your stewardship committee

Bill
Gary
Bonnie

STEWARDSHIP
A BETTER WAY OF
THINKING AND RESPONDING

Stewardship is about sharing the abundance that God has given us. It's not once a year, it is all year long. It's sharing your talents and your time as well as your treasure. Think about it; spending more time caring, connecting and being committed to your community of faith. Think about your pledge to St. Barnabas in per-week terms. Isn't your faith community worth more than that? Think about we and us instead of me and my. The call to serve begins with stewardship. We are the people of St. Barnabas and it is the people who make the church. Having coffee after church....Inviting a friend to St. Barnabas....Taking the arm of one of our senior parishioners to help them over a rough spot. Stewardship is nothing less than a complete lifestyle, a total accountability and responsibility before God. Stewardship is what we do after we say, "I believe."

~Bill Walker, Stewardship Chairman

MY PLEDGE TO ST. BARNABAS FOR 2011

In response to God's love, as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and His Church, I plan to pledge:

\$ _____ per week

OR

\$ _____ per month

for a total of:

\$ _____ for 2011

SIGNATURE _____

Return to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, PO Box 691, Borrego Springs, CA 92004

Vestry Meeting—

The Vestry concluded its 2010 year on December 27 by approving the 2011 budget and preparing for the annual meeting on January 16, immediately following our church service. On the social agenda, the annual Twelfth Night party was set for January 9, 5:30 p.m. at the Rectory. Bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Finally, we bid farewell to outgoing Vestry members Chuck Bennett, Lee Estep and Cathy Gay and thanked them for three years of dedicated service.

~Wendy Quinn

JANUARY PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing for
for Tony Ward, Carol Kittelson, Mary McDonald, Nancy Bye, Merryn Lorrain Oliverira, Hugh McLean, Larry Johnson, Nancy Groll, Walt Moore, Lynnis Wilderson, Barbara Scott, Beverly Kuhrts, Kurt Levens, Guy Beaulieu, Dan French, Evelyn Parks, Mary Hunt, Joyce Girard, Agnes Schleicher, and Peggy Brown.



TWELFTH NIGHT FESTIVITIES

Join us all at the Rectory for our annual Twelfth Night Party on Sunday evening the 9th of January! Please come anytime between the hours of 5:30 to 8:00. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and BYOB. This will be a special evening with music and fellowship!

The St Barnabas Prayer Chain of Eleven

.....continues to provide prayers to those in need.

We invite you to join us. We also invite those in need of prayer to let us know how we may help. All prayers and persons requesting those prayers are confidential and known only to those of us in the Prayer Chain. Contact Victor if you have prayers, questions, concerns: 767-7746 or <ravok@nethere.com>

ST. BARNABAS AND THE RAKE

How many of you are crossword puzzle fans? We know they can improve your vocabulary and spelling, but who would have thought they could provide Biblical insight? After a recent clue, "symbol of St. Barnabas," yielded the word "rake," of course an investigation was in order!



St Barnabas is sometimes known as either Barnaby or Barnabus. A Cypriot Jew by birth, he is the patron saint of harvests. In England, his feast day is widely known as Barnaby Day, and when illustrations of the saint appear he is often depicted holding a hay rake.

Understandably, Barnaby Day featured strongly in our weather lore and one surviving verse reads: Barnaby bright, Barnaby bright, longest day and shortest night. Because of its fine and sunny reputation, Barnaby Day was the time to begin the hay harvest – hence Barnaby’s role as patron saint of hay-time – and it was said “On the feast of St Barnabas, put your scythe to the grass.” On the continent, similar sayings helped agriculturalists. In England, Barnaby Day fairs and horse fairs were frequently held, and in fact Appleby Horsefair, which is one of England’s oldest, continues to this day.

In life, Barnabas seems to have been quite a character with little or no connection with our hay harvest. He is thought to have been related to St Mark and was described as a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. He was introduced to St Paul shortly after the latter’s conversion and invariably supported Paul in his preaching and in his disputes with St Peter.

Note: We at St. Barnabas Borrego Springs celebrate the Feast of St. Barnabas in January, since few are here at harvest time! God understands.

~Wendy Quinn (synopsis from www.nicholasrhea.co.uk)

2011-2013 VESTRY CANDIDATES

JOSIE BLUCKER

A little on myself, I have been a resident of Borrego for 22 years and have been a hairdresser for 32 years and also worked as a waitress part time at Kendalls for 10 years. Years ago in Julian, I was in a choir at a Baptist church and also was a member of the ladies auxiliary for the Methodist church while living there. I enjoy being a homemaker and I also have 3 wonderful sons and families. Thanks.

TRACEY ALEXANDER

Hello everyone,
For those that have not met me, my name is Tracey Alexander. I have had the privilege of being asked to sit on the Vestry. With that inspiration and a little direction I believe that position should be compelling and a welcomed challenge, something I've always endured. I feel blessed to have the community of St. Barnabas for my spiritual encouragement and guidance, and I have been blessed countless times by the kind spiritual support and help of everyone here at St. Barnabas church, and the good Lord above. This will be a rare opportunity to offer my assistance and expertise to provide a portion of the decision making and necessary administrative responsibilities that St. Barnabas needs to maintain and achieve ongoing goals that previous members have enjoyed working so hard to build and to preserve. Thank you for your consideration and enjoy your day.

BRAD TIDWELL—
No profile

BITS & PIECES

BARNABAS BAKERS

Preparation for the annual Christmas bake sale began weeks before the December 10 event. Participants baked and froze, canned and sewed. On the day before the sale, chair Jean Smith and her team of dedicated volunteers gathered in the Parish Room to wrap and price hundreds of donations. It was a big job, and everything looked beautiful at the conclusion.

At the crack of dawn on the 10th, our heroes, the Men of St. Barnabas, arrived with trucks and strong arms to transport the goodies, tables and chairs to Christmas Circle. God blessed us with a beautiful, warm, sunny day, and by 10:00 a.m. half the six tables had been emptied. Shoppers oohed and aahed as they made their selections, while listening to beautiful music by Dave Otis and Haddon Salt. Joya Hoyt contributed to Borrego Serves' campaign to feed needy pets by selling beautiful plush collar and leash covers.

~Wendy Quinn



**OUR FEARLESS LEADER
JEAN SMITH**

**LAURA+ WITH
ANTOINETTE
BARNES AND
DAUGHTER
RHIANNA**



WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS REPORT

December 1, 2010

After the group settled with their favorite beverages in Ann Nourse's lovely home, the Women of St. Barnabas started their December 1 meeting with a presentation on the Art Guild by Sandy Talbert. She explained that the purpose of the Guild is to provide education and advancement for fine arts and crafts in the community. Membership is open to anyone interested for \$25 per year, and members and non-members alike are invited to the monthly luncheons on the second Thursday of each month at De Anza Country Club. Topics offered by guest speakers have included knitting, pottery, painting, color analysis, architecture, greeting cards and oriental rugs. It was an interesting presentation and the Art Guild has already gained some new members from it.

Following the presentation Sandy joined us for a delicious (as usual) potluck lunch, and then we got on to the business meeting. Plans were finalized for the bake sale and Christmas baskets, and Martha Mitchell suggested a sock drive. Laura+ recommended an organization day to clean out the storage closets in the church buildings, and it was tentatively scheduled for January 13 at noon. Volunteers are welcome – particularly those who have been with the church for a while and know what we need to keep and what can be donated or discarded.

Sue Salt mentioned that we are running low on some of our Holy Happy Hour "support products" (paper plates, napkins, cups etc.), and we agreed that whenever someone goes to Costco or Smart and Final they would check the list, pick up what is needed and cross it off. They will be reimbursed by the Vestry.

The next meeting will be January 5, either at Nancy Bye's (get well soon, Nancy – we're praying for you) or Diane Hydoski's. Watch the bulletin for information, and please join us for good food, valuable information and best of all fun and friendship.

~Wendy Quinn

ALISON ROYLE TO SPEAK

On Sunday January 30, Alison Royle will speak to the congregation and guests on her "Joy to the World Kindergarten" in Namibia. Alison has been working with this group for several years. Join us in a very pleasant afternoon!

ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY AT ST. BARNABAS

JOIN US AT NOON ON THURSDAY
THE 13TH

- TO HELP CLEAN OUT CLOSETS
- HELP ERADICATE MUSTARD ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS!

Mark Your Calendar

JANUARY

SERVICES 8:30 AM

January 4—8:00 AM Worship Meeting

January 4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesday at 7:30 AM The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Café

January 5—Noon Women of St. Barnabas @ Diane Hydoski's home

January 5, 12, 19, 25— 5:00 PM Compline

January 5—4:00 PM Borrego Serves

January 9- 8:30 AM Stewardship Sunday

9:30 AM Book Sale

January 13-noon Church Cleanup Day

January -19—6:00 Men of St. Barnabas

6:00 PM Sarah's Circle

January 17- 12:30—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

January 24—8:00 AM Vestry Meeting

January 30—3:00 PM Alison Royle Lecture

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